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BELIEVERS BAPTISM.

To which is prefixed,  
An INTRODUCTION,

Containing  
S I X V I E W S  
Of that  
HOLY ORDINANCE.

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*Then they that gladly received his word were  
Baptized, — praising God and having favour  
with all the people, Acts ii. 41, and 47.*

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**BELIEVERS BAPTISM:**

I. As an ACT of SUBLIME WORSHIP to the ADORABLE PERSONS in the GODHEAD.

II. As a REPRESENTATION of the SUFFERINGS of CHRIST, his DEATH, BURIAL, and RESURRECTION.

III. As an EMBLEM of REGENERATION and SANCTIFICATION.

IV. As the ANSWER or DECLARATION of a GOOD CONSCIENCE TOWARDS GOD.

V. As a POWERFUL OBLIGATION to NEWNESS of LIFE in a COURSE of GOSPEL OBEDIENCE.

VI. As a lively FIGURE of the natural DEATH of every CHRISTIAN:

DESIGNED

As an Introduction to a BODY of HYMNS ON BAPTISM; and to be bound up with them, as a Memorial for the daily use of all BAPTIZED BELIEVERS and their Children, especially for every Person that is a Candidate for BELIEVERS BAPTISM.

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## BELIEVERS BAPTISM,

In a LETTER to the MINISTERS and MEMBERS-  
of the BAPTIZED CHURCHES.

*Dear and honoured Friends,*

 **I** T is highly incumbent on all that love the LORD JESUS CHRIST in sincerity, and are glad to behold their SAVIOUR in every view in which he is pleased to reveal himself, to consider the dignity and glory of his holy institutions. These last legacies of a dying SAVIOUR; these pledges of his eternal and immutable love, ought to be received with the greatest reverence, and the warmest gratitude. And as they directly relate to the death of the GREAT REDEEMER, which is an event the most interesting; an action the most grand and noble that ever appeared in the world; they ought to be held in the highest esteem, and

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performed with the utmost solemnity. Of these institutions Baptism calls for our first regard, as it is appointed to be first performed: And however lightly the inconsiderate part of mankind may affect to treat this Ordinance, it ought to be remembered that CHRIST himself considered it, and submitted to it, as an important part of that righteousness which it became even the SON of GOD to fulfil. As this Ordinance is to be once performed, and not repeated; every Christian ought to be particularly careful that it is done in a right manner; or the benefit arising to the soul from this institution is lost, and lost for ever! We ought with the utmost deliberation and care, to consider the nature of its first institution; the manner of its primitive performance; the glorious heart-reviving truths it figuratively brings to our view; and its own native dignity, as an action, of the positive and ritual kind, the most great and noble in itself, and well-pleasing to GOD, that is possible for us to perform on this side heaven.

In this action, Christians, you behold the counsel of GOD: It is the result of his wise and eternal purpose; it is clearly commanded in his word; it is enforced by his own example;

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ple; and honoured in the most distinguished and wonderful manner, by every person in the adorable TRINITY. This Ordinance is no trivial affair, it is no mean thing; and whoever is so unhappy as to despise it, wants eyes to see its beauty and excellency. The GREAT SON of GOD himself submitted to it; the ETERNAL FATHER attested his approbation by a voice from heaven; and the HOLY SPIRIT appeared in a visible form, and adorned it with the manifestation of his glory. Nothing ever appeared in the world, either before or since, like this; nor was ever a deed performed by man, not intirely moral, so great and noble in itself, so pleasing to God, or so honoured from above. Let us then take a short view of this Ordinance; let us consider what it is, and what is meant by it; it would never be thus dignified and adorned, if there was not something in it worthy our attention.

I. It may be considered as A SOLEMN ACT OF WORSHIP. An act of worship is an acknowledgment of the being and perfections of God, with veneration and love, performed according to the divine will, not conformable to the fancies of men. And it is a manifest truth that this Ordinance can be a benefit to no person in the world, but those by whom

it is performed as an act of worship. Is it possible to suppose that it can be of any advantage to those who know not what they are doing; who see not its glory; know not its end and design; are unacquainted with its figurative meaning; whose souls are not affected; and who see not the GREAT REDEEMER in his own institution? But when a desire to submit to this Ordinance arises from a new nature; when it is performed by the special assistance of divine grace; with sincerity of soul, or a single intention to please GOD; when it is performed with the united powers of the heart, and a quick sensibility of the divine presence; when the living springs of grace in the heart are opened, and this Ordinance is submitted to in Faith, and with such beauty of holiness, as in some degree corresponds with the purity of the divine perfections; and directed to the noblest end, which is to glorify GOD, and enjoy him for ever; How great may be the advantage to the soul; and what extensive and lasting benefit may be obtained? This Ordinance considered as an act of solemn worship and adoration, directs our attention in a particular manner to each distinct person in the divine nature: We are called upon to adore the ETERNAL FATHER for his everlasting electing love,  
which

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which induced him to send his only Son to be the SAVIOUR of ruined sinners. We are called upon to adore the SON for the grandest, the most important, the most kind, generous, and benevolent action, that ever was performed in the eyes of men or angels; an action which will be eternally beheld by both with the highest admiration and praise, THE REDEMPTION OF OUR SOULS BY HIS BLOOD; and the Christian is called upon to adore the HOLY SPIRIT as the Lord and giver of spiritual life, and the author of all that light, and beauty of holiness, which will be in his heart for ever. Such considerations as these have a powerful tendency to affect the feeling heart; to touch all the springs of devotion; to awaken every warm and tender passion; and fill the whole soul with love, adoration, and praise. How natural is it for the devout heart, influenced by the HOLY SPIRIT, on this great and solemn occasion to approach the eternal throne with such sentiments as these? “Unto thee, O thou  
 “dread sovereign of the universe! thou great  
 “Father and GOD of all! thou eternal King  
 “of grace and glory! I desire to come in the  
 “way of thine own appointment. Thou art  
 “a sovereign GOD, and as such I desire to



“adore thee. All thy works are perfect, and  
“all thy ways are right. Far be it from me,  
“great GOD, far be it from me, to dispute  
“the fitness of thy will; or think myself too  
“wise, or too great to submit to what thou  
“hast been pleased to command. The holy  
“Ordinance before me is thine own appoint-  
“ment, and derives a force and authority from  
“thy sovereign will expressly declared, which  
“no created being hath a right to oppose.  
“In this way, O LORD, I approach thy pre-  
“sence, I bow before thine eternal throne,  
“and worship thine awful Majesty. How  
“great art thou, O GOD, and how worthy to  
“be worshipped and adored! May I come  
“before thee with the utmost reverence  
“and awe, and may my heart be enlarged  
“with a sense of thy presence. How kind,  
“how condescendingly good art thou in ad-  
“mitting so worthless a creature to draw  
“nigh unto thee, and to a participation of  
“thy holy institutions: I would not esteem  
“the Ordinance before me an hard task, or  
“burdensome service; but rather look upon  
“it as an honourable and distinguishing pri-  
“vilege, that I am permitted, in this way, to  
“approach thee. How great is thy goodness,

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“ O my GOD, and what obligations am I un-  
 “ der to love and serve thee ! Didst thou fix  
 “ thy love upon me, and hadst thou thoughts  
 “ of saving me from all eternity ? and shall it  
 “ not be the constant endeavour of my soul,  
 “ to do thy whole will and to live to thy glo-  
 “ ry ! Didst thou give thy dear SON from thy  
 “ bosom to die for my sins, and shall I coolly  
 “ hesitate and be backward in the performance  
 “ of that particular duty, whereby I am called  
 “ upon to acknowledge him to the world ! Is  
 “ the adorable REDEEMER not ashamed of me,  
 “ and am I ashamed of him ! Dear LORD, I  
 “ blush at the thought ! O thou bright image  
 “ of the everlasting GOD made manifest in  
 “ human flesh ! O thou great lover and re-  
 “ deemer of souls ! thou kind compassionate  
 “ SAVIOUR of sinners ! I desire in thine own  
 “ Ordinance, to approach thee, and adore  
 “ thee, as *my Lord and my God*. How great and  
 “ how many have been my provocations, and  
 “ from what dreadful wrath hast thou deliver-  
 “ ed me ! How great have been thy sufferings  
 “ in my stead ; and how small the return  
 “ which thou requirest of me ! and shall so  
 “ small a tribute be refused ! Hast thou, for  
 “ my sake, been baptized in blood and fire,  
 and



“ and shall I refuse, at thy command to be  
“ baptized in water? *Hadst thou required some*  
“ *great thing, had not I done it?* and shall I  
“ hesitate a moment when thy injunction is  
“ no more than to *wash in Jordan and be clean!*  
“ Dear LORD, I am constrained by thine eter-  
“ nal love to own thee; and I would follow  
“ thee wheresoever thou goest. Shine on  
“ my soul, O my GOD, shew me thy salva-  
“ tion, and bring to my view those glorious  
“ things which thine Ordinance is designed to  
“ represent. Let me approach near to thyself,  
“ and favour me with a glimpse of thy glory.  
“ Erect thy throne in my heart, and may all  
“ the powers and faculties of my soul, and all  
“ the members of my body be devoted to thee.  
“ I take thee for my LORD, my KING and my  
“ only SAVIOUR, and should be glad to make  
“ it known to all the world that I come to thee,  
“ and to thee alone, for a full and free salva-  
“ tion. I renounce all other dependence, I  
“ would have no other hope, no other trust;  
“ but desire to be thine, thine only, and thine  
“ for ever. And thou, blessed SPIRIT of the  
“ eternal GOD, who wast pleased to honour  
“ this Ordinance with the visible manifestation  
“ of thy presence; in this way I draw nigh  
“ unto thee and adore thee. Be pleased, O,  
“ LORD

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“ LORD, to assist me. I would make no resolution, no promise in my own strength, for I know that all my firmness and stability depends on thee. Be pleased to carry me through the duty before me, in such a manner as may be comfortable to myself, and acceptable to my God. Lead me in safety along the slippery road of life, and make my conversation such as becometh the Gospel of CHRIST. Warm my Heart with thy presence, bear thy witness in me that I belong to the LORD: fill me with the fulness of thyself; and enable me to rejoice, with joy unspeakable and full of glory.”

II. The Ordinance of Baptism may be considered as a lively representation of the SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST, HIS DEATH, AND HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION: The inventions of men may be adorned with superficial pomp and shew, and at first sight make a great and splendid appearance; but when closely examined, they lessen by degrees, and soon sink into their native nothingness. The contrary is the case with the things of GOD. How little soever they may appear to the loose and careless observer; they soon rise in the eye of the close and impartial enquirer; the farther he goes the less reason he has to repent his pains; a wonderful

derful and unexpected greatness, dignity and importance rises on his view; and he beholds in them a beauty and glory worthy their author. Such is the divine institution which we are now considering. How mean and despicable does it appear to those who only behold it as an immersion in water; but how grand, majestic and noble! and how does it fill that soul with devotion, and warm it with love, gratitude and joy, who beholds it as a lively representation of the sufferings of CHRIST? We are led to this idea by the words of the GREAT REDEEMER himself, who said upon a view of his sufferings, *I have a Baptism to be baptized with*, the learned know it should be translated, *I have a plunging to be plunged with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!* Is there any Christian that can behold his suffering SAVIOUR without emotion? or can any action be esteemed mean which represents an event so interesting and important? What storms and tempests, what floods and whirlwinds of divine wrath have we deserved by our sins! and how surely would they have overwhelmed us, had not our great Redeemer appeared for us and suffered in our stead! Let us behold the illustrious sufferer. How was he overwhelmed with afflictions, and how heavy did the mighty vengeance fall on his head, when,

when, with a mixture of amazement and terror, he cried out, *My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death!* What surrounding, what heart-rending sorrows pressed him on all sides! How great was his agony in the *Garden*, when he *sweat great drops of blood!* And with what extremity of torture, with what bitterness of grief did he cry out on the Cross, *My God! My God! Why hast thou forsaken me?* Can it be supposed that anything less than a total immersion of the whole body in water can represent these all-surrounding sorrows, these overwhelming sufferings? Was any part of our Saviour's body exempt; or were the dreadful sufferings he endured for our sakes, which were raging as divine wrath, and equal to the infinity of our sins, no more than a sprinkling! Can the rolling billows of divine wrath, rising high as heaven, wide as creation, and boundless as infinite space, be represented by a few drops of water! The like may be observed respecting the *death, burial, and resurrection* of CHRIST, which the volume of inspiration informs us, the Ordinance of Baptism is designed to bring to our view; how great the resemblance when performed by immersion? But who can behold any thing of this in the contrary mode?

III. The Ordinance of Baptism may be farther considered as an EMBLEM OF REGENERATION AND SANCTIFICATION. The great Apostle of the Gentiles, speaking of his exalted master, tells us that *We are buried with him by Baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father; even so we also should walk in newness of life.* This not only implies that the regenerate only have a right to the Ordinance of Baptism; but that it is an emblem or representation of that important change. This is so manifest from the holy scriptures, that some have taken the emblem for the thing itself: They have not only supposed but boldly asserted, that Baptism and Regeneration are the same thing. But when the great Apostle, speaking to the primitive Christians, says, *Ye are washed; ye are sanctified; ye are justified; in the name of the LORD JESUS, and by the SPIRIT of our GOD:* That person must have a very confused conception of Gospel doctrine, who supposes him to mean no more than an outward corporeal washing. We can therefore by no means allow Baptism to be Regeneration: Yet we esteem it as an emblem of that blessed work; and in this view it appears in a very beautiful and pleasing point of light to the truly regenerate.



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IV. THE ANSWER, OR DECLARATION, OF A GOOD CONSCIENCE TOWARDS GOD, is another view in which the holy scriptures represent the same institution which we are now considering. *The answer of a good conscience towards GOD*, not only relates to that diligence with which we ought to perform every duty of which we are convinced; but in this view some think it may be considered as having a forensic or judicial meaning. By such it is supposed to relate to an answer made upon oath, to the inquiry of a magistrate in a court of justice; so that the person who submits to this Ordinance, in a right manner, publicly and solemnly renounces the world, and all it contains, so far as it is inconsistent with the Gospel of God; and chooses CHRIST to be his master. He makes an open profession of his faith in CHRIST before all the world; and takes the oath of allegiance to him. He makes the most solemn promise, as it were upon oath, to be the Lord's; and to cleave to him, and him only.

V. The Ordinance before us may be considered and improved, as a powerful obligation to NEWNESS OF LIFE AND A COURSE OF GOSPEL OBEDIENCE; DISTINGUISHING THE CHRISTIAN FROM ALL OTHER MEN; AND DIVIDING THE CHURCH FROM THE WORLD.

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The Christian in this Ordinance having made an open public profession of his faith and love having owned CHRIST as his Saviour, Lord and King; and having shewn a probity of heart and firmness of mind in following his divine master in an Ordinance so despised; he hereby lays himself under the highest obligations *to keep the commandments of GOD and the testimony of JESUS CHRIST*; he is influenced by the most powerful motives to *follow the Lamb wheresoever he goeth*, and to honour his Lord by a course of universal and persevering obedience. Our GREAT REDEEMER seems to have designed this Ordinance as a test of our sincerity; and to distinguish his followers from the rest of mankind. As a captain who to try a new soldier employs him at first in some arduous and important service, so our SAVIOUR, to try his own work, and to make the reality of his powerful grace in the hearts of his people, manifest to themselves and to the world, calls them out at first to a great and singular action, and requires their submission to an institution that is disgustful to their nature and mortifying to their pride. And indeed it must be acknowledged that to some persons, in some particular circumstances, it is a very severe trial; and requires great Grace to carry them through



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rough an Ordinance which is in some degree  
 terrible and painful to nature ; which seems fo  
 mean to the carnal mind, and is so despicable  
 in the eyes of the world. But such persons  
 have often found to their joy that,

Though they with trembling steps attend,  
 Oppress'd with fears of various kind ;  
 Yet they at CHRIST's Command descend,  
 And rising leave their fears behind.

If it be admitted, that CHRIST, by the Ordi-  
 nance of Baptism, designed to divide his Church  
 from the world, how manifest is it at first sight,  
 that none are proper subjects but the regenerate ;  
 since to accept, or force in persons of a contra-  
 ry character, has an apparent tendency to unite  
 the world to the church ; concerning which it  
 was prophesied of old, *The people shall dwell alone,*  
*and shall not be reckoned among the nations.*

VI. We may farther behold in this Ordi-  
 nance, a LIVELY RESEMBLANCE OF THE NA-  
 TURAL DEATH OF EVERY CHRISTIAN. A pas-  
 sage of holy writ already cited, informs us that  
*We are buried with CHRIST by Baptism into death.*  
 This is a consideration of great importance,  
 and the resemblance is obvious and striking.  
 At death we take leave of our old acquaintance,  
 and break our connexion with temporal affairs ;  
 we enter upon a new world and are employed  
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in a new and more exalted scene of action; for every person, that is a proper subject of Baptism is no longer in a state of nature, but is born from above; he hates and departs from his old sins, and enters upon that noble and exalted course of conduct which in the sacred writings is beautifully and emphatically stiled *newness of life*. The shivering timidity which we feel at approaching the water, may very aptly be compared to those fears which in the best of men, nature may feel at the prospect of her dissolution; and the fresh garments which we put on after Baptism may bring to our minds those splendid robes of light and immortality in which the christian will shine at the resurrection of the just.

Upon the whole, it is worthy of remark, how the beauty of this Ordinance is defaced, and its glory obscured when either in the subject or mode it is changed from its primitive form of administration; how easy is it to observe that in either of these cases it loses its dignity, and dwindles into that nothingness which strongly marks, and particularly characterizes the inventions of men. The Ordinances of the Gospel are established by the authority of CHRIST as King and supreme Lawgiver in his Church; they are particularly enforced by his own example, and his will expressly declared;

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clared; and as they have no dependance on any circumstances, which are liable to vary in different countries or distant periods of time, it necessarily follows that the primitive model of administration should be strictly and conscientiously adhered to. No pretence to greater propriety, nor any plea of inconveniency, can justify our boldly opposing the authority of God by the alteration of his law, and substituting a human Ordinance instead of a divine. In a former dispensation in which the ritual was numerous and burdensome, the great JEHOVAH was particularly jealous of his honour as *Supreme Lawgiver*, and looked upon the least innovation as a direct opposition of his authority. *Moses*, we are informed, *was admonished of God to make all things according to the pattern shewed him in the mount*: And those unfortunate Youths who presumed to alter the form of his religion, and worshipped him in a way he had not commanded fell under the severest marks of his displeasure; which shews that he looked upon the least innovation in the ceremonial part of his precepts, as an impious and daring opposition and contempt of his authority, and as deserving of peculiar and distinguished vengeance as a direct and open violation of the Moral Law. And as the great KING of the universe required such strictness and punctuality

lity, and insisted on such scrupulous exactness in the performance of the minutest rite belonging to the *legal dispensation*; it would be extremely difficult to assign a reason why he should be more lax and careless, and allow a greater scope to human discretion under the *Christian*. The greater light which shines in our Religion, the small number and simplicity of its ceremonies, and the end and design of those institutions being more clearly revealed, are reasons which strongly indicate the contrary. And if it be further observed that the religion of JESUS is particularly calculated to set aside worldly wisdom and mortify the pride of man, it cannot, without great absurdity be supposed that the sublime author of it will dispense with the performance of his positive laws, or admit of the least variation, to honour that wisdom, or indulge that pride which the whole scope of his Gospel hath a manifest tendency to abase. Surely then it behoves Christians in an affair of such consequence to be circumspect and wary; or how can they give a good account of their practice, and a satisfactory answer to that important question, *Who hath required this at your hands?* Sensible therefore of the pernicious consequences of error, let us carefully guard against it whatever appearance it may make, or with whatever superficial pomp and splendor it may

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may be adorned ; let us love the truth however it may be despised ; let us boldly and resolutely acknowledge and practise it ; let us receive it, *with all readiness of mind*, and like the ancient BEREANS, *search the scriptures daily whether those things are so.*

The author of these remarks has been led into more extensive and brighter views of the glory and beauty of the Ordinance of Baptism, than what he had before obtained, by lately composing a Book of Hymns on that Subject. He was desired to attempt a work of this kind by several Ministers, and Members of the Baptized Churches, both in London and the country. He hath endeavoured to go through the several parts of the subject in a regular systematical manner, so that the Hymns may be sung at the administration of the Ordinance, or at other times occasionally ; or the whole may be considered and read as a Treatise on Baptism in verse. And as verse is sooner committed to memory, and longer retained than prose, these Hymns may be learnt by children to impress their young minds with a lively and lasting sense of the beauty and dignity of this Ordinance. The copy has been revised by the Reverend Doctor Stennett, and several of the most considerable of the *London* Ministers ; it lay by a considerable time, and was revised over  
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and over again, and improved by its author. And he has had the pleasure to hear that these Hymns have been made useful in the closet, as well as the church; both by convincing, and making willing to submit to this holy Ordinance.

*We whose names are hereto subscribed are personally acquainted with the author: We have seen and approve his poetical productions: The Hymns on Baptism we have encouraged, and shall continue to do the same: We hope they will be made useful to the advancement of the Cause of Truth, and with this view recommend them to our brethren.*

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H Y M N I.

*The Invocation.* Rom. viii. 9.

*Long Metre.*

- 1 **B**LESS'D Harbinger of future joys!  
Immortal Herald of the skies!  
Great Partner of th' eternal throne  
Descend! and make thy presence known.
- 2 Shine on our souls, eternal God,  
And take amongst us thine abode:  
Why should'st thou at a distance stand,  
Or be a stranger in our land?

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- 3 Whatever to our LORD belongs  
Is always worthy of our songs;  
And all thy works, and all thy ways  
Demand our wonder and our praise.
- 4 But are not we without thy grace  
Cold as the stream thro' which we pass?  
Our hearts attempt thy praise in vain  
Nor can our works acceptance gain.
- 5 If thou refuse to aid our songs,  
Thy praises squalter on our tongues;  
The chariot of our love stands still,  
Or heavily drives up the hill.
- 6 But when thy cheering beams inspire,  
These lifeless souls with heav'nly fire;  
Our rapid wheels outstrip the wind,  
And leave earth's empty toys behind.
- 7 Oh touch our lips, eternal KING,  
While of thy sovereign will we sing!  
We languish, if thou cease to shine,  
For all our songs and joys are thine.



H Y M N II.

*Baptism the leading Ordinance of the Gospel.*

Rom. vi. 3.

*Long Metre.*

- 1 **W**HEN *Isr'el's* tribes, with trembling awe  
From *Sinai's* mount receiv'd the law;  
Proclaim'd by heav'n's eternal SIRE,  
Amidst the thunder and the fire:
- 2 The awful SOV'REIGN of the skies,  
Who reigns supremely great and wise,  
Appear'd in clouds to mortal worms,  
And cloath'd his will in modes and forms.
- 3 But when superior glories shone  
Around IMMANUEL's rising throne;  
He drove these types and modes away,  
And blest'd his sons with brighter day.
- 4 Now tempest, darkness, smoke and fire  
Before his milder face retire;  
Whilst he in forms of plainest kind,  
Deigns to reveal his heav'nly mind.
- 5 In Baptism, says the sacred word  
We're bury'd with our dying LORD;  
To a new life with him we rise,  
And hope to join him in the skies.

- 6 So we his gen'rous board furround,  
 With choicest dainties nobly crown'd;  
 And there commem'rate love divine,  
 In broken bread, and flowing wine.

## H Y M N III.

*The Commission.* Matt. xxviii. 19.

*Common Metre.*

- 1 **N**OW the auspicious morning rose,  
 When to his native skies,  
 The PRINCE OF PEACE triumphant goes;  
 And crowds behold him rise.
- 2 His chariot stood not far, and glow'd  
 With pure ætherial rays:  
 A cherub spread a snowy cloud,  
 And screen'd the dazzling blaze.
- 3 Angelic legions round await  
 The signal to arise:  
 And all the way to heav'n's high gate,  
 Bright squadrons throng the skies.
- 4 With joy and wonder round their LORD,  
 His lov'd Apostles stand;  
 Eager to hear his parting word,  
 And catch his last command.

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- 5 When thus he spoke: "Follow'rs and friends,  
" To all my words incline ;  
" O'er the whole earth my pow'r extends,  
" And all the heav'ns are mine.
- 6 " Ye therefore to each land resort;  
" And loud my deeds proclaim ;  
" Who'er believes the high report,  
" Baptize him in my name.
- 7 " Tell him the wonders of my Grace :  
" Your Message shall prevail :  
" Lo ! I am with you all your days :  
" Nor shall my promise fail."
- 8 We own thy pow'r, almighty LORD,  
Nor dare thy will despise :  
First we proclaim thy sacred word,  
Then in thy name Baptize.

## H Y M N IV.

*The Commission.* Mark xvi. 15.

*Long Metre.*

- 1 **T**HE heav'nly KING that came to save,  
Had gain'd the conquest o'er the grave ;  
The Pow'rs of *Death* and *Hell* laid low ;  
And greatly vanquish'd ev'ry foe.

# 30 HYMN SVO N

- 2 And now he stood prepar'd to rise:  
Majestic to his native skies;  
Assume the Robes he late laid down;  
And take his sceptre and his crown.
- 3 His lov'd Apostles round him stand,  
Attentive to his last command:  
When from his lips these accents broke;  
The heav'ns applauding while he spoke.
- 4 " Rejoice, my friends! ye chosen few,  
" Vast is the prize obtain'd for you:  
" High in the heav'ns I fix my throne;  
" And the whole spacious earth's my own.
- 5 " Go therefore! Go, at my command;  
" And bear my name thro' ev'ry land:  
" Whoe'er believes what you proclaim;  
" Baptize him in JEHOVAH's name.
- 6 " Then kindly teach them all my ways,  
" And from their lips to sound my praise:  
" My presence shall your work attend,  
" Till time his circling course shall end."
- 7 Thy just command, LORD, we revere!  
We first thy sacred truths declare:  
Then in thy holy name Baptize  
The men that our Right message prize.



BELIEVERS BAPTISM. 31

H Y M N V.

*Gospel Ordinances standing Memorials of Christ  
and his Undertakings. Rom vi. 4.*

*Common Metre.*

- 1 **S**TEADY in Zion's righteous cause  
The great MESSIAH stood ;  
And to redeem his chosen Race  
He freely pour'd his blood.
- 2 Stronger than death was JESUS' love,  
Mighty his arm to save ;  
He vanquish'd all the pow'rs of Hell,  
And triumph'd o'er the grave.
- 3 How brightly each victorious deed  
Throughout the Gospel shines !  
With joy believers trace his love  
In those amazing lines.
- 4 But least their treach'rous memories  
Should e'er his love forget,  
His ordinances loudly speak  
The facts his words relate.
- 5 Here we behold the scheme of grace  
Into existence rise :  
Here our REDEEMER and his love  
Are plac'd before our eyes.



32 H Y M N S O N

- 6 These are design'd to teach his deeds,  
And his high worth proclaim:  
These, down the rapid stream of time,  
Shall bear his mighty name.

H Y M N VI.

*The Power and Glory of Christ manifest in his Works, but his Love shines in his Ordinances.*

Gal. ii. 20.

*Common Metre.*

- 1 **H**OW vast, eternal KING OF GRACE,  
How high thy glories rise!  
Before thee *Gabriel* veils his face,  
Nor dares to lift his eyes.
- 2 Thro' nature's ample round, we see  
Thy distant splendors shine;  
Is there a god compar'd with thee?  
Or are there works like thine?
- 3 The moon and stars thy pow'r proclaim,  
And shine with silver ray;  
While in the sun, thy glories flame  
Amidst the blaze of day.
- 4 But clearer rays of heav'nly light,  
Beam in thy holy word:  
Each doctrine, and each sacred rite,  
More loudly praise the LORD.



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- 5 Bury'd in the baptismal stream,  
Thy saints with rapture see,  
What thou hast undergone for them,  
And what they owe to thee.
- 6 Then seated round thy cheerful board,  
They feed on bread and wine ;  
Proclaim the vict'ries of their LORD,  
And feast on love divine.

H Y M N VII.

*The Ordinances of Christ to be preserved in their  
primitive Simplicity. 2 Theff. ii. 15.*

*Common Metre.*

- 1 LORD, how delightful to our eyes  
Should all thy precepts be !  
O how should we preserve and prize  
What was ordain'd by thee !
- 2 How full of thee, most gracious God,  
Thy gospel rituals shine !  
Their nature, end, and ev'ry mode  
Loudly proclaim them thine.
- 3 Should human prudence ever dare  
To frame thy laws anew,  
How vain would the attempt appear !  
And how presumptuous too !

- 4 Forbid it, Lord! let ev'ry heart  
Thy wise commands revere;  
And never from thy word depart,  
But learn thy worship there.

H Y M N VIII.

*Baptism necessary to Church-membership.*

Acts ii. 41.

*Short Metre.*

- 1 **W**HEN Zion's glorious KING  
Planted a church on earth;  
He chose a rite, by which his sons  
Should own their heav'nly birth.
- 2 By which they should avow  
JESUS to be their Lord:  
And to his people give themselves,  
According to his word.
- 3 Such holy Baptism is;  
An ordinance of heav'n:  
Whoe'er submits, may to the church  
Have free admittance giv'n.
- 4 This way the LORD hath made;  
It leads us to his fold:  
Here we are wash'd; and here our names  
Are with his sheep enroll'd.

# BELIEVERS BAPTISM. 35

- 5 JESUS himself, this way  
Into his pasture came:  
It open stands, inviting all  
The follow'rs of the Lamb.
- 6 'Tis his prerogative  
To fix the sacred rite,  
Which, like a gate, should to his courts  
Each humble soul invite.
- 7 The pious race who thus  
With humble love adore;  
His gracious presence will attend,  
Till time shall be no more.

## H Y M N IX.

*Baptism necessary to Communion, but not to  
Salvation. Eph. iv. 5.*

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*Long Metre.*

- 1 **H**OW amiable, Eternal God,  
Is Zion, thy most bless'd abode!  
We would within thy courts appear,  
And join thy saints in worship there.
- 2 But where her tow'rs sublimely rise,  
The river full in prospect lies:  
Like *Shiloh's* hallow'd brook, that flow'd  
Close by the oracle of God.

# 36 H Y M N S O N

- 3 Invited to the holy place,  
Thro' the fair stream our feet must pass;  
Such is thy will; LORD, we obey,  
And come in thine appointed way.
- 4 Yet CHRIST our condescending King,  
Up to his courts above will bring  
Those pious souls who through mistake,  
A diff'rent path to Zion take.
- 5 Not men, nor means can limit him,  
Not falling drops, nor flowing stream;  
He who created man at first  
Remembers that we are but dust.
- 6 Yet whatfoe'er weak men maintain,  
One Baptism will still remain: [miss,  
Which tho' CHRIST's wand'ring sheep may  
He will not lose one soul of his.

## H Y M N X.

*Immersion the only proper Mode of Baptism:*  
John iii. 23.

*Common Metre.*

- 1 IMMERS'D in water, dearest LORD,  
Thy Baptism we fulfil:  
We would revere thy heav'nly word,  
And always do thy will.

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- 2 That by examples we may learn  
The practice of thy law :  
We to the earliest ages turn,  
And from the fountain draw.
- 3 The Baptist, each repenting Jew  
Immers'd by heav'n's command  
In pools or streams ; and full in view  
The fair examples stand.
- 4 Our SAVIOUR was Baptiz'd this way  
In *Jordan's* swelling flood :  
The closing waves that noted day  
Entomb'd the SON OF GOD.
- 5 Thus *Philip* led the Eunuch saint,  
Who not the flood despis'd :  
They both into the water went,  
And there he was Baptiz'd.
- 6 No other mode in truth's fair page  
Is found upon record :  
But by immersion in this age  
The saints confess'd their LORD.
- 7 We would, dear JESUS, always thus,  
Comply with thy command ;  
Poor worms ! how insolent in us  
Against thy word to stand !



## H Y M N XI.

*Sprinkling no Baptism.* Mark vii. 134.*Common Metre.*

- 1 **B**EHOLD my soul with pitying eyes  
The heavy chains which bind;  
And the surrounding cloud that lies  
Upon the human mind.
- 2 What crooked ways our nature takes!  
How blindly are they trod!  
What wretched work tradition makes  
Amongst the things of God!
- 3 Full in God's word, distinct and clear,  
That he that runs may read;  
His Baptism stands; and plainly there  
At once we mark the deed.
- 4 When the eternal SON of GOD  
The great example gave;  
He enter'd *Jordan's* noted flood,  
And plung'd beneath the wave.
- 5 Why then should man his wisdom bring,  
And to indulge his pride;  
Boldly advance another thing,  
And lead our steps aside?



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- 6 Oh that the sons of men were wise!  
Oh that they would discern  
The plain smooth path where duty lies,  
And to their Saviour turn!

H Y M N XII.

*Sprinkling no Baptism. Luke xii. 50.*

*As the 113th Psalm.*

- 1 MY soul with humble love pursue  
The solemn task thou hast in view;  
Why should'st thou murmur or repine?  
Had not thy SAVIOUR when below  
A Baptism to undergo?  
How dreadful His, compar'd with thine!
- 2 Think how the wide extended main,  
Exceeds one single drop of rain;  
Such were the floods, and storms of woes,  
Which overwhelm'd his righteous head,  
When standing in the sinner's stead,  
He greatly dy'd to save his foes.
- 3 Baptismal waters were design'd  
To bring this wondrous scene to mind,  
And represent it to our eyes:  
Can we suppose the wrath so small,  
Which he endur'd to save us all,  
That sprinkling may for this suffice!

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- 4 Rather than such an abject thought,  
 Degrading what my LORD has wrought,  
 Should take possession of my soul;  
 Let me in my REDEEMER's name,  
 Be plung'd beneath the surging stream,  
 Where the vast ocean's billows roll!

H Y M N XIII.

*Mankind apt to reject divine Ordinances and follow their own Inventions. 2 Kings.*  
 v. 12. Mark vii. 9.

*Short Metre.*

- 1 **W**HEN Syria's lep'rous chief  
 From fair *Damascus* came;  
 Fir'd with the hopes of sure relief,  
 By great *Elijah's* fame.
- 2 The holy *Prophet* stood  
 Attentive to his strain;  
 And bid him wash in *Jordan's* flood,  
 And instantly be clean.
- 3 The means of cure appear'd  
 So humbling to his pride,  
 With high disdain the warrior heard;  
 And sternly thus reply'd,

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- 4 " To wash in *Jordan's* wave  
 " I can't approve as meet, [lave  
 " When *Pharpar's* streams are known to  
 " My own *Damascus'* feet.
- 5 " What business have I here,  
 " Far from my native place;  
 " Could not I wash in water there,  
 " And there receive the grace?"
- 6 Thus men neglect the use  
 Of means which God makes known;  
 And in their room would introduce  
 Inventions of their own.
- 8 But give us wisdom, LORD,  
 Thy holy ways to prize;  
 And follow thy commanding word,  
 However men despise.

H Y M N XIV.

CHRIST Baptized in *Jordan*. Matt. iii. 16.

*Common Metre.*

1 THE LORD OF LIFE had dwelt below,  
 Unknown, and uncarefs'd;  
 The destin'd hour arriv'd, in which  
 The God should shine confess'd.

42 H Y M N S O N

- 2 To JORDAN's swelling tide he goes,  
Where his forerunner stood,  
Baptizing the repenting Jews  
By bathing in the flood.
- 3 There to fulfil all righteousness,  
Himself to God he gives:  
And at the humble Prophet's hands,  
The sacred rite receives.
- 4 Ascending from the liquid grave,  
To heav'n he lifts his eyes;  
A flood of Glory shines around,  
And music fills the skies.
- 5 The SPIRIT, like a Dove, descends  
Refulgent on his Head:  
While thus in sweet melodious sounds,  
Th' Almighty FATHER said;  
"Ye mortal race, hear and adore  
" My well-beloved SON:  
" With full delight I have beheld  
" The deed he now has done."
- 7 Great God, thy all commanding voice  
Obediently we hear:  
JESUS thy well-beloved SON:  
We love, adore, and fear.
- 8 Our feet shall trace without delay,  
The path which he has trod;  
Nor will we dare decline the way,  
That leads us to our God.

## BELIEVERS BAPTISM. 43

### H Y M N XV.

*Christ Baptized in Jordan. Luke iii. 21.  
As the 148th Psalm.*

1 **S**WIFT time the space had run,  
In heav'nly councils known;  
When GOD's eternal SON,  
Should leave his starry throne;

In human form,  
On earth to dwell;  
To save his sons  
From *Death* and *Hell*.

2 A voice the desert rends;  
The hills return the sound;  
A GOD! A GOD descends!

Prepare the way around!

Repent! Confess

Your num'rous sins!

MESSIAH comes,

His reign begins!

3 To *Jordan* goes the GOD  
Where his great herald stands;

And at the swelling flood

Baptismal rites demands:

Beneath the tide

Quick he descends;

The great event

All heav'n attends.

- 4 The parting waves retire ;  
 My soul, behold him rise !  
 Floods of applausive fire  
 Burst from the op'ning skies :  
 While on his Head  
 The heav'nly Dove  
 Descends, and sheds  
 Bright beams of love.
- 5 An heav'nly voice on high,  
 The wand'ring Nation heard,  
 Proclaim him thro' the sky,  
 And bid him be rever'd.  
 " This is my well  
 " Beloved SON ;  
 " And pleas'd I view  
 " What he hath done."
- 6 Yes, LORD, we will revere  
 Thy great commanding voice ;  
 Thy only SON we hear,  
 And make his ways our choice.  
 O LAMB OF GOD,  
 How safe are we,  
 In paths mark'd out,  
 And trod by thee.





H Y M N XVI.

*Christ Baptized in Jordan.* John i. 33.

*Peculiar Measure.*

- 1 **I**N *Jordan's* tide the Baptist stands,  
Immerſing the repenting *Jews* ;  
The SON of GOD the rite demands,  
Nor dares the holy man reſuſe.  
JESUS deſcends beneath the wave,  
The emblem of his future grave.
- 2 O heav'ns and earth ! your Maker lies  
In floods conceal'd from human view.  
Ye ſaints, behold him ſink, and riſe !  
The great example is for you :  
The great example while we read,  
Adorns and dignifies the deed.
- 3 But ſee, from yonder op'ning ſkies,  
What floods of beamy radiance ſpread ;  
Dove-like th' Eternal SPIRIT flies,  
And lights on the REDEEMER's head.  
Behold, ye ſaints, the pow'r divine  
Around your SAVIOUR's temples ſhine.

- 4 Yet hark ! my soul, and wonder more,  
 What sounds are those which roll along  
 Not like loud *Sinai's* awful roar,  
 But soft and sweet as *Gabriel's* song;  
 "This is my well-beloved SON:  
 "I view well-pleas'd what he hath done."
- 5 Thus the Eternal FATHER spoke,  
 Who shakes Creation with his nod;  
 Thro' parting skies the accents broke,  
 And bid us hear the SON of GOD:  
 Attend, ye nations ! well you may,  
 JEHOVAH speaks ! hear and obey !
- 6 Do not our hearts within us burn !  
 Are not our spirits all on flame !  
 Shall we against our SAVIOUR turn !  
 Shall we despise the sacred stream !  
 Such impious deeds let mortals shun ;  
 Great GOD, we reverence thy SON !

## H Y M N XVII.

*Philip and the Eunuch. Acts viii. 36.*

*Long Metre*

- 1 THE sacred page proclaims abroad,  
 The glories of a sov'reign GOD;  
 Whose Providence and Grace unite,  
 To bring his great decrees to light.

- 2 From *Ethiopia's* sun-burnt plains,  
Where sultry summer ceaseless reigns,  
A *Eunuch* chief, of wealth and fame,  
To worship in the temple came.
- 3 Returning home the thoughtful sage  
Perus'd the deep prophetic page ;  
Of Jesus read, as on he went,  
But doubted whom the Prophet meant.
- 4 By heav'n's command, that moment came  
*Philip*, a follow'r of the LAMB :  
Him the enquiring prince receiv'd,  
And all the words he spake believ'd.
- 5 Then of his duty well appris'd  
The *Eunuch* wish'd to be Baptiz'd :  
A silver stream ran full in sight,  
He asks, and soon receives the rite.
- 6 He journeys on without delay  
In CHRIST, rejoicing all the way,  
And tells the *Ethiopian* race  
The wonders of redeeming Grace.
- 7 Thus willing souls succeed, and claim  
Within GOD's house a place and name,  
Better (his gracious promise runs)  
Than that of daughters, or of sons.



## H Y M N XVIII.

*Houſholds Baptized. Acts xvi. 33.**Common Metre.*

- 1 **W**HAT joy, dear LORD, our ſpirits feel  
From thine increaſing cauſe,  
When houſholds join to do thy will,  
And reverence thy laws.
- 2 Thus with believing love of old  
The happy jailor came;  
And his inſtructed houſe enroll'd  
As follow'rs of the LAMB.
- 3 Thus faithful *Lydia's* houſhold too  
Believed in the LORD;  
And were Baptiz'd in open view,  
According to his word.
- 4 We too, whom nature's ties combine,  
In mutual love agree,  
To own each ordinance divine,  
And join ourſelves to thee.
- 5 JESUS, in honour of thy name  
Immers'd, as ſays thy word;  
We ſee how ancient Chriſtians came,  
And how they own'd their LORD.

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- 6 Like them, we seek thy smiling face,  
With humble love adore,  
And joyfully behold the place,  
Where thou hast been before.

H Y M N XIX.

*The figurative Meaning of the Ordinance of  
Baptism. 1 Pet. iii. 21.*

*Long Metre.*

- 1 COME, all ye sons of Grace, and view  
Your bleeding SAVIOUR's love to you :  
Behold him sink with heavy woes  
And give his life to save his foes !
- 2 When you behold the sacred wave,  
You see the emblem of his Grave :  
Come ! all who would his laws obey,  
And view the place where JESUS lay.
- 3 But not *Death's* adamantine chain,  
Could long the mighty LORD detain :  
Behold him chear the heavy gloom ;  
And rise refulgent from the tomb.
- 4 When you ascend above the flood,  
Then call to mind the rising God :  
Ye saints lift up your joyful eyes,  
Exulting see your SAVIOUR rise.

- 5 Ye too, are buried with your LORD,  
 Who in the water own his word:  
 And joyfully behold therein,  
 An emblem of your death to sin.
- 6 Fresh from the stream, and fill'd with love;  
 Far from the tents of guilt remove:  
 Nobly from strength to strength proceed,  
 And rise to ev'ry worthy deed.

## H Y M N XX.

*The proper Subjects of Baptism. Acts viii. 37.*

*Peculiar Measure.*

- 1 **W**HO, mighty God, shall gain a place  
 Within thy temple here on earth;  
 Dwell in the mansions of thy Grace;  
 And join thy sons of heav'nly birth?  
 Who shall, O God, so happy be,  
 As to approach thy courts and thee?
- 2 Not the presumptuous sons of pride,  
 Who dare oppose thy holy word;  
 Access to such must be deny'd,  
 They neither love, nor serve the LORD.  
 Let humble souls alone appear  
 Within thy house and worship there.



- 3 The man who feels his native loss,  
And all his heinous guilt deplores ;  
Who flies for refuge to the cross,  
And with transporting joy adores.  
He shall behold thy smiling face ;  
And taste the blessings of thy Grace.
- 4 The man whose eyes thy glory see ;  
Who firmly rests upon thy word ;  
Who worships the Eternal THREE ;  
And yields obedience to his LORD :  
He shall thy chearing favour know,  
And dwell within thy church below.
- 5 The man on whose enlighten'd sight  
The Gospel sheds it quick'ning rays ;  
Who makes Religion his delight,  
And walks with pleasure in her ways :  
He shall thy holy hill ascend,  
And find in thee a constant friend.
- 6 The man who free from fear or shame,  
Follows the LAMB where'er he goes ;  
Boldly professes JESUS' name,  
And bids defiance to his foes ;  
In Zion's sacred courts may stand,  
And the Baptismal rite demand.

## H Y M N XXI.

*The proper Subjects of Baptism. Mark xvi. 16.*

*As the 148th Psalm.*

- 1 **W**HO shall obtain a place  
 Within thy temple here,  
 Almighty God of Grace,  
 And dwell securely there?  
 Who shall from guilt  
 And fear set free,  
 Dwell in thy house,  
 And worship thee?
- 2 Not the bold sons of pride  
 Who dare oppose thy word;  
 All such must be deny'd,  
 Till they can love the LORD:  
 Let humble souls  
 Alone appear  
 Within thy courts,  
 And worship there.
- 3 The man who feels his loss,  
 And all his guilt deplores;  
 Looks to his SAVIOUR'S cross,  
 And, as he looks, adores:

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He shall behold  
Thy smiling face,  
And taste the joys  
Of pard'ning Grace.

- 4 They who thy glory see,  
Believe thy holy word;  
Worship th' Eternal THREE;  
And lean upon the LORD:  
They shall thy love,  
And friendship know;  
And dwell within  
Thy church below.

- 5 The man on whose blest'd fight  
The Gospel sheds its rays;  
Who loves with all his might,  
And walks in wisdom's ways:  
He shall, O LORD,  
Thy hill ascend,  
And find in thee  
A constant friend.

- 6 The man, who void of shame,  
Follows where JESUS goes;  
And boldly owns his name  
Amidst surrounding foes:

Baptismal rites  
 He may demand;  
 And in the great  
 Assembly stand.

## H Y M N XXII.

*Infants devoted to God, but not Baptized.*  
*Acts viii. 36, and 37.*

*Short Metre.*

- 1 GREAT SAVIOUR, condescend  
 To bless our rising race :  
 Oh may their willing spirits bend  
 To thy victorious Grace !
- 2 'Twould give us vast delight  
 Their happiness to see :  
 Our warmest wishes all unite  
 To lead their souls to thee.
- 3 But all the race of men,  
 Are heirs of sin and shame :  
 Nor dare we, till they're born again,  
 Baptize them in thy name.
- 4 They only who believe,  
 Compose thy church on earth :  
 Her arms are open to receive  
 None but of heav'nly birth.

- 5 Great God, thy Spirit pour  
Upon our infant seed;  
Oh, bring the much-desired hour  
Which makes them thine indeed!
- 6 May they receive thy word,  
Confess the SAVIOUR'S name,  
And follow their despised LORD  
Down to the sacred stream.
- 7 Then we our willing race  
Will to thine altar bring;  
There to adore thy sov'reign Grace,  
And thy salvation sing.

H Y M N XXIII.

*The Invitation.* Matt. xi. 28.

*Long Metre.*

- 1 **A**LL you that love IMMANUEL'S name;  
Whose spirits burn with ardent flame  
To see his glory, learn his praise,  
And follow him in all his ways.
- 2 'Tis you, ye children of the light!  
The Spirit and the Bride invite:  
Come! come, ye subjects of his Grace!  
Where he reveals his smiling face.

- 3 Come to his church, enter his gates ;  
 For you his gracious presence waits :  
 Here peace, and pardon are bestow'd ;  
 Great gifts ! and worthy of a God.
- 4 Thus welcome ! why should you delay ?  
 He who invites has mark'd the way :  
 It is the way the SAVIOUR came,  
 He was Baptiz'd in *Jordan's* stream.

## H Y M N XXIV.

*The Invitation. Matt. xvi. 24.*

*Common Metre.*

- 1 **A**LL you that love IMMANUEL's name,  
 And wish to find his ways ;  
 Whose spirits burn with ardent flame  
 To speak abroad his praise :
- 2 'Tis you, ye children of the light !  
 Ye subjects of his Grace !  
 The Spirit, and the Bride invite  
 Into his holy place.
- 3 Come to his church, attend his voice ;  
 The bounty of a God  
 On you, without desert or price,  
 Is freely here bestow'd.



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- 4 Come to his church, come in the way  
The great IMMANUEL led :  
Be you Baptiz'd without delay,  
Like your exalted HEAD.
- 5 Let neither sinful fear nor shame,  
Your early love subdue :  
By water and by blood he came,  
To cleanse and pardon you.
- 6 But you, the thoughtless and profane,  
Who choose the paths of sin,  
Let shame and fear your feet detain,  
Nor dare to enter in.

H Y M N XXV.

*The Invitation.* John vii. 37.

*Peculiar Measure.*

- 1 **H**UMBLE souls who seek salvation  
Thro' the LAMB's redeeming Blood ;  
Hear the voice of Revelation,  
Tread the path that JESUS trod.
- 2 Flee to him, your only SAVIOUR,  
In his mighty name confide ;  
In the whole of your behaviour  
Own him as your sov'reign guide.

3 Hear the blest'd REDEEMER call you,  
 Listen to his heav'nly voice;  
 Dread no ills that can befall you  
 While you make his ways your choice.

4 JESUS says, " Let each believer  
 Be Baptized in my name:"  
 Thus himself in *Jordan's* river  
 Was immers'd beneath the stream.

5 Plainly here his footsteps tracing,  
 Follow him without delay;  
 Gladly his command embracing,  
 Lo! your CAPTAIN leads the way.

6 View the rite with understanding;  
 JESUS' grave before you lies:  
 Be interr'd at his commanding;  
 In your SAVIOUR's likeness rise.

## H Y M N XXVI.

*The Believer following Christ in his Ordinances.*  
 John x. 27.

*Long Metre.*

1 ALL glorious SHEPHERD thron'd above!  
 Whose full, whose free unchanging love  
 Through each revolving age proceeds,  
 And like a flock thy people feeds.

- 2 Oh ! tell me where the pastures are  
Which bloom beneath thy love and care !  
And let me with thy sheep abide :  
Why should I ever turn aside ?
- 3 May this inconstant soul of mine  
Henceforth for ever, LORD, be thine :  
The paths of error may I flee,  
But always humbly cleave to thee.
- 4 No longer suffer me to stray  
With those who tempt me from thy way :  
Let me not lean to human skill,  
Or partially obey thy will.
- 5 Guided by thee my feet shall tread  
The paths which to thy pasture lead  
Down to the brook, and at the deep  
I'll trace the footsteps of thy sheep.
- 6 Regardless of reproach or blame,  
Unaw'd by fear or sinful shame,  
I come obedient to thy word ;  
And stand resolv'd to own my LORD.
- 7 I come ! my KING, my GOD, my all !  
JESUS, I follow at thy call ;  
Take me ! oh take me to thy fold !  
I long thy glory to behold.



## H Y M N XXVII.

*The Believer following Christ in his Ordinances.*

John xii. 26.

*Common Metre.*

- 1 **T**ELL me, dear object of my love!  
And make my heart rejoice;  
Oh! kindly tell me all thy will,  
And lead me by thy voice.
- 2 Oh! may my weak inconstant mind  
To all thy words incline;  
May all my spirit burn for thee,  
And all my heart be thine.
- 3 Let me not dare pervert thy words,  
Or lean to human skill;  
Mix man's inventions with thy laws,  
Or do by halves thy will.
- 4 Conduct me to the flow'ry plain  
Where all thy chosen rest:  
There let me listen to thy words,  
And lean upon thy breast.
- 5 Lead me the way thy saints of old,  
And thine Apostles trod;  
And in each ordinance divine  
May I confess my God.

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- 6 Since the plain footsteps of thy flock  
Lead to the crystal stream,  
I'll trace them thro' the sacred flood,  
And there confess thy name.
- 7 Regardless of reproach or scorn  
My steps to meet thee move;  
Receive me in thy gracious arms,  
And bless me with thy love.

H Y M N XXVIII.

*The Believer constrained by the love of Christ to  
follow him in his Ordinances. 2 Cor. v. 14, 15.*

✓ *Common Metre.*

- 1 **D**EAR LORD, and will thy pard'ning love  
Embrace a wretch so vile?  
Wilt thou my load of guilt remove  
And bless me with thy smile?
- 2 Hast thou discharg'd my dreadful debt,  
And set the pris'ner free?  
Can'st thou each bold affront forget,  
And save a wretch like me?
- 3 And shall my proud rebellious heart,  
Yet murmur at thy will?  
Shall I from thy commands depart,  
And wander from thee still?

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- 4 Hast thou for me the cross endur'd,  
And all the shame despis'd?  
And shall I be ashamed, O LORD,  
With thee to be Baptiz'd?
- 5 Didst thou the great example lead  
In *Jordan's* swelling flood!  
And shall my pride disdain a deed  
That's worthy of my God?
- 6 Dear LORD, thy condescending love  
Reproves my cold delays:  
My wand'ring steps how slow they move,  
How careless in thy ways!
- 7 And shall I still rebellious stand!  
Let fear and shame be gone!  
This ordinance is thy command:  
Thy will, my God, be done!

H Y M N XXIX.

*Believers buried with Christ in Baptism.*

Rom. vi. 4. Col. ii. 12.

*Peculiar Measure.*

- 1 JESUS, mighty KING of Zion!  
Thou alone our guide shalt be:  
Thy commission we rely on;  
We would follow none but thee.



- 2 Save us from the dreadful danger  
Of perverting thy command!  
Fondly list'ning to a stranger,  
With thy Gospel in our hand.
- 3 There we read, for our transgression,  
How our LORD was plung'd in woes,  
When he put our mortal flesh on  
How he dy'd, and how he rose.
- 4 As an emblem of his passion,  
And his vict'ry o'er the grave;  
They that know his great salvation,  
Plunge beneath the sacred wave.
- 5 Following our LORD's example,  
And his plain, his last command;  
We on men's traditions trample,  
Ready to obey we stand.
- 6 Fearless of the world's despising  
We the ancient path pursue;  
Bury'd with our LORD, and rising  
To a life divinely new.



## H Y M N XXX.

*The Baptism of Repentance. Acts xix. 4.**Common Metre.*

- 1 **C**OME, all ye humble sons of Grace,  
Who feel the weight of sin ;  
Confess before JEHOVAH's face,  
How vile your hearts have been.
- 2 If you sincere repentance feel  
For ev'ry hateful stain ;  
JESUS your broken heart will heal,  
JESUS will make you clean.
- 3 To the Baptismal water come  
CHRIST's own appointed way,  
The emblem of your SAVIOUR's tomb ;  
O ! come without delay.
- 4 Welcome you are, and you alone,  
This sacred rite to share ;  
To nat'ral men can ne'er be known  
What heav'n has taught us here.
- 5 Here with admiring eyes we view  
Our dying, rising LORD :  
Thro' Grace resolve to live anew  
Obedient to his word,

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- 6 Eternal GOD, thy pow'r display  
To wound and heal the heart:  
Thee may thy people all obey,  
Nor from thy will depart.

H Y M N XXXI.

*The Penitent.* 'Luke xviii. 13.

*Common Metre.*

- 1 **L**OW in the dust before thy throne,  
Dread SOV'REIGN OF THE SKIES!  
Eternal, infinite, unknown,  
An helpless rebel lies.
- 2 Scarce dare my lips pronounce thy name  
Thy mercy to implore,  
Left thine avenging light'nings flame,  
Or awful thunders roar!
- 3 Beneath the wide extended round  
Where heav'nly glories shine,  
Can the unhappy wretch be found  
Whose guilt may equal mine?
- 4 Yet, mighty GOD, for such as me  
The great REDEEMER bled,  
To set the poor delinquent free  
He suffer'd in their stead.

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- 5 Thy kind, thy condescending voice  
 Calls such to seek thy face ;  
 Who are the objects of thy choice,  
 And children of thy grace.
- 6 Such the REDEEMER calls to come  
 And 'scape the snares of hell ;  
 To own him in the wat'ry tomb,  
 And then in Zion dwell.
- 7 Almighty GOD, thy wond'rous Grace  
 No longer I withstand ;  
 In thine own way I seek thy face,  
 And come at thy command.

H Y M N XXXII.

*The Penitent.* Acts xvi. 13.

*Long Metre*

- 1 **A**LAS, my soul ! how black thy stain !  
 Thy guilt how great ! Thy hopes  
 how vain !  
 How heavy the enormous load !  
 How dire the vengeance of a God !
- 2 How shall I 'scape, where shall I turn !  
 Does not his wrath relentless burn  
 Against the men who durst despise  
 The mighty ruler of the skies !

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- 3 Does not his justice urge the claim  
Due to the honours of his name?  
Methinks I see his arm display'd  
To crush the wretch his hands have made.
- 4 Yet his kind hand the stroke delays,  
The lifted arm of vengeance stays;  
O! may I then lift up my eyes,  
And hope for mercy from the skies?
- 5 Yes, I behold a ray of light  
Beam thro' the darkness of the night;  
Yonder I see the cross appear,  
And all the tempest driving there.
- 6 Now from my sight the clouds remove,  
And heav'n's pure azure shines with love;  
Bright as a sun, my LORD, I see,  
He groan'd, he bled, he dy'd for me!
- 7 Amazing Grace! and shall I still  
Prove disobedient to his will;  
Shall I decline thro' shame or fear  
To seek his grave and find him there!
- 8 Ah no! dear LORD, the wat'ry tomb  
Belongs to thee, and there I come:  
Thence may I in thy likeness rise,  
And follow thee above the skies.



## H Y M N XXXIII.

*The Wanderer returned.* Deut. xxxii. 10.  
1 Pet. ii. 25.

*Long Metre.*

- 1 JESUS, my SAVIOUR and my all,  
Methinks I hear thy gentle call;  
These are the sounds which chide my stay,  
"Arise, my Love, and come away."
- 2 Thy moving voice, thy kind command  
Pursu'd me thro' the desert land  
Which long with wand'ring feet I trod,  
Ere once I thought of thee, my GOD.
- 3 The rugged rock, the dreary waste  
With weary steps I long had trac'd,  
Parch'd up with thirst, with terrors torn,  
Distress'd, unpity'd, and forlorn.
- 4 The cold bleak mountain's shaggy side  
No rest or covert could provide;  
The Law's loud tempest on me bore,  
And shook my soul with ceaseless roar.
- 5 But yet my heart felt no concern,  
Nor heav'd a sigh for my return,  
Till woo'd by thy prevailing voice,  
At length I made thy fold my choice.



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6 Thither my feet, dear SHEPHERD, lead,  
In those green pastures may I feed :  
Thy church has always been thy care ;  
Oh ! let me have a dwelling there.

7 The path indeed down to thy fold  
May seem to nature rough and cold ;  
But tho' thro' *Jordan's* streams it be,  
I will not fear to follow thee.

H Y M N XXXIV.

*Following the Lamb.* Rev. xiv. 4.

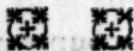
*Short Metre.*

1 YE Saints, lift up your eyes !  
On Zion's mountain stands  
The holy LAMB, that once was slain,  
And now your love demands.

2 Behold his beauteous form !  
Before him bend the knee :  
'Twas love, eternal love to you,  
That brought him to the tree !

3 At *Calv'ry* see his steps  
Ascend the mountain's side,  
Where on the Cross, to save your souls  
He bow'd his head and dy'd.

- 4 But in the dreary cave  
Where *Death* and *Darkness* reign,  
He drew the horrid monster's sting,  
And broke the tyrant's chain.
- 5 Nor conquer'd *Death* alone,  
Lo ! each infernal name,  
Stands in the list which holds to view  
The vanquish'd of the LAMB.
- 6 Ascended now on high  
He lives, and shines, and reigns :  
The worlds of Nature, and of Grace,  
He governs and sustains.
- 7 Ye follow'rs of the LAMB  
Make all his ways your choice,  
From strangers turn your ears away,  
Nor listen to their voice.
- 8 Attend your SOV'REIGN's call,  
And follow where he goes :  
Be you Baptiz'd as JESUS was,  
Tho' *Earth* and *Hell* oppose.



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H Y M N XXXV.

*Christ the sole King and Lawgiver in his Church.*

*Matt. xxviii. 18.*

*Common Metre.*

- 1 GREAT KING OF ZION, we adore  
Thy mild, thy righteous sway;  
We own thy wisdom and thy pow'r,  
And would thy laws obey.
- 2 Thy right it is, and thine alone  
In Zion's courts to reign;  
To issue orders from thy throne,  
And all her rites ordain.
- 3 Yet men who would be counted wise,  
And gain the world's applause;  
Too oft thy sacred truths despise,  
And change thy holy laws.
- 4 But we our pious vows would bring  
And own thy regal voice;  
Would in thy courts confess thee King,  
And make thy laws our choice.
- 5 Whoe'er believes in JESUS' name,  
So speaks the sacred word;  
Let him be plung'd beneath the stream  
In honour of his LORD.

- 6 LORD, we submit to this thy will,  
 We meet thee in the flood;  
 We would all righteousness fulfil,  
 And always own our GOD.

## H Y M N XXXVI.

*Christ the sole King and Lawgiver in his Church.*  
 Rev. xv. 3. and xix. 16.

*Peculiar Measure.*

- 1 GREAT KING OF ZION, we adore,  
 We bow beneath thy righteous sway;  
 We own thy wisdom and thy pow'r,  
 And would thy holy laws obey.  
 To thee our grateful hearts we bring,  
 Rejoicing in our rightful KING.
- 2 High in the heav'ns thy glories rise,  
 Resplendent there thy beauties shine;  
 Thine is the birthright of the skies,  
 And ev'ry world of light is thine.  
 Creation round reveres thy nod  
 And all the heav'ns confess their GOD.
- 3 But mighty war has fix'd thy throne,  
 And made thy title doubly good:  
 Zion by conquest is thine own,  
 And stands the purchase of thy blood:  
 Let her revere, for she has cause,  
 Thy mild and equitable laws.

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4 Yet men who would be counted wise  
 Presume to alter thy command ;  
 And boldly strive what in them lies  
 To wrest the sceptre from thine hand.  
 But oh ! how great the folly, LORD,  
 To dare dispute thy sov'reign word !

5 Forbid that we should thus transgress,  
 Or be indiff'rent to thy voice !  
 Thee, as our KING, we will confess,  
 And make thy holy will our choice.  
 Thy righteous laws we will obey,  
 Thy sceptre kiss, and own thy sway.

6 Whoe'er believes in JESUS' name,  
 Such is the language of the word,  
 Let him descend into the stream,  
 And be Baptiz'd as was his LORD.  
 Dear JESUS, we approve thy will,  
 And would all righteousness fulfil.

## H Y M N XXXVII.

*Christ's Commands not grievous. 2 Kings v. 13.*

*Matt. xi. 30.*

*Long Metre.*

1 **Y**E that would learn IMMANUEL'S ways,  
 Call his amazing love to mind :  
 His love transcends our noblest praise,  
 And leaves our swiftest thoughts behind.

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- 2 No worthy deed that we had done,  
Gave rise to his most kind designs :  
He for his mercy's sake alone,  
Freely remits our num'rous sins.
- 3 For love so great, say what return  
He might expect, or might ordain ?  
He asks no sacrifice to burn,  
But only says, "Wash and be clean."
- 4 Had not we done some greater thing,  
If such had been his sov'reign call !  
And shall we to so kind a KING,  
Refuse a tribute that's so small !
- 5 We will no longer trembling stand,  
But boldly plunge beneath the flood ;  
Much more than this thou might'st demand,  
Dear JESUS, our REDEEMER-GOD.

H Y M N XXXVIII.

*The Importance of Divine Institutions. Acts ii. 38.*

*Common Metre.*

- 1 **S**TRUCK with the brightness of thy crown,  
Almighty KING OF GRACE !  
We lay rebellious reasonings down,  
And to thy word give place.



## BELIEVERS BAPTISM. 75

- 2 Our thoughts attempt thy ways in vain ;  
How oft we blindly soar !  
And when our reas'ning pow'rs we strain,  
'Tis but to err the more.
- 3 But error shrinks before thine eye ;  
Thou sit'st enthron'd in light :  
Heav'n, Earth and Hell uncover'd lie,  
And open to thy sight.
- 4 Then may we to thy ways adhere,  
And follow thee alone :  
Teach us thy wisdom to revere,  
And to distrust our own.
- 5 If thine example, and thy word  
Conduct us to the flood ;  
Shall human wisdom be prefer'd !  
Shall we be deaf to God !
- 6 What, if the World's contemptuous pride  
Thy sacred truths gainsay :  
Shall that set thy commands aside !  
And shall not we obey !
- 7 We own thee, LORD, supremely wise,  
Thy ways are right and fit ;  
Our wisdom in obedience lies,  
'Tis honour to submit.

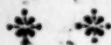


H Y M N XXXIX.

*Christ Baptized in Sufferings. Luke xii. 50.*

*Common Metre.*

- 1 **W**HAT dreadful pangs, what bitter woes,  
Dear LORD, didst thou endure;  
To ransom thy rebellious foes,  
And make the purchase sure !
- 2 How great thy sufferings in my stead,  
To save my soul from hell !  
How heavy on thy righteous head,  
The mighty vengeance fell !
- 3 Stern Justice wav'd th' avenging rod,  
And flam'd with dreadful ire ;  
Thou wast Baptiz'd, my SAVIOUR-GOD,  
In sufferings and in fire !
- 4 And shall I not commemorate  
These direful pangs of thine :  
And thy surprizing love relate,  
In water, bread and wine ?
- 5 Thy word invites : dare I retreat  
Reluctant to the call ?  
LORD, is thy love to me so great  
And mine to thee so small !



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*Christ Baptized in Sufferings. Matt. xx. 23.*

*Short Metre.*

- 1 **T**HOU, LORD, to save my soul  
Hast suffer'd in my stead :  
How did the storms of vengeance roll  
Upon thy righteous head !
- 2 Stern Justice held the rod,  
And flam'd with vengeful ire ;  
Thou wast immers'd, O SON OF GOD,  
In sufferings and in fire !
- 3 Vast floods of fiery woes  
Burst from thy FATHER's frown ;  
Darkness, and night upon thee close,  
And sorrows bear thee down.
- 4 This scene of deep distress  
Thy Baptism once foretold,  
And can I, LORD, with carelessness  
This sacred rite behold ?
- 5 Can I with coldness treat  
Thy kind, thy gentle call ?  
LORD, is thy love to me so great,  
And mine to thee so small !

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- 6 Urg'd by thy love I come  
 Obedient to thy will;  
 Receive me from the wat'ry tomb,  
 To Zion's holy hill!

H Y M N XLI.

*The Israelites Baptized in the Sea. 1 Cor. x. 2.*

*Long Metre.*

- 1 **W**HEN *Isr'el* left th' *Egyptian* coasts,  
 With speed they pass'd o'er *Zaan's*  
 plains :  
 Their leader was the LORD OF HOSTS ;  
 He broke th' insulting tyrant's chains.
- 2 Their march they took by heav'n's command;  
 Across the deep their journey lay :  
 Nor must they enter *Canaan's* land,  
 Till first they're buried in the sea.
- 3 Hard were they press'd on ev'ry side ;  
 On right and left huge rocks appear,  
 In front the sea, vast, horrid, wide,  
 While *Pharaoh* thunders on the rear.
- 4 The tribes stand still in wild dismay ;  
 But heav'n in mercy hears their cry :  
 " March on," says God, " without delay ;  
 " I'll sound salvation from on high."

- 5 Advancing where the surges roar,  
 They wonderful deliv'rance found:  
 In safety reach'd the farther shore,  
 And saw their proud oppressors drown'd.
- 6 So *Isr'el's* sons, the heirs of Grace,  
 Freed from the cruel yoke of sin,  
 Must thro' Baptismal waters pass;  
 And thus their way to heav'n begin.
- 7 Tho' they with trembling steps attend,  
 Oppress'd with fears of various kind;  
 Yet they at CHRIST's command descend,  
 And rising, leave their fears behind.
- 8 Now like the *Isr'elitic* band,  
 They sing their great Deliverer's praise,  
 March boldly to the promis'd land,  
 And reap the fruit of conqu'ring Grace.

H Y M N XLII.

*The Confession.* Mark i. 5.

*Short Metre.*

- 1 **L**ONG have I stray'd from God,  
 And boldly durst rebel;  
 Had Justice wav'd her iron rod  
 My soul had sunk to hell.

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- 2 Guilty, O LORD, I am,  
And in myself undone;  
Let not thy wrath against me flame,  
But save me thro' thy SON.
- 3 Before thy church and thee,  
O LORD, I own my sin;  
Be pleas'd to set a captive free,  
And take a stranger in.
- 4 Where can I comfort find  
But in thy pard'ning Grace!  
Oh! ease my heavy-laden mind,  
And let me see thy face.
- 5 Accept me thro' thy SON:  
In *Zion* bid me dwell!  
That of thy matchless grace alone,  
My joyful tongue may tell.
- 6 My full remission seal;  
My soul in safety keep:  
Amongst thy chosen may I dwell,  
And feed amongst thy sheep.





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*The Candidate.* Acts viii. 12.

*Long Metre.*

- 1 GREAT God ! we in thy courts appear,  
With humble joy, and holy fear,  
Thy great injunction we obey :  
Let saints and angels hail the day !
- 2 Great things, O everlasting Son,  
Great things for us thy Grace has done !  
Constrain'd by thine eternal love,  
Our willing steps to meet thee move.
- 3 In thine assembly now we stand,  
Obedient to thy great command ;  
The sacred flood is full in view,  
Thy gentle voice invites us through.
- 4 The Word, the Spirit, and the Bride,  
Must not invite and be deny'd ;  
Was not our God, who came to save,  
Interr'd in such a liquid grave !
- 5 We openly confess thy name ;  
Receive us rising from the stream ;  
Then may we to thy table come,  
And dwell in Zion as our home.

## H Y M N XLIV.

*The Candidate. Acts xv. 16.*

*Common Metre.*

- 1 **L**ORD, I am thine, and in thy aid  
I place my firmest trust :  
How vast a price thy love has paid  
For vile polluted dust !
- 2 Bought with thy blood, and sav'd by Grace,  
Forbid it, LORD, that I  
Should ever from thee turn my face,  
Or e'er thy name deny.
- 3 Let not false fear, or guilty shame  
Oppress my Spirit, when  
I should confess thy holy name  
To angels, and to men.
- 4 In thine assembly now I stand,  
My vows to thee I bring,  
Obedient to thy great command,  
My SAVIOUR and my KING !
- 5 I stand before the sacred flood ;  
Thy gracious words invite :  
How poor an offering, O my God,  
I make thee in this rite !

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- 6 Thine ordinance, great SAVIOUR, bless;  
Support me all my days:  
May I each Gospel Truth confess,  
And walk in all thy ways.

### H Y M N XLV.

*The Administrator.* Matt. iii. 11. John i. 33.

#### *Long Metre.*

1. "GO teach the nations, and Baptize,"  
Aloud th' ascending Jesus cries:  
His glad Apostles took the Word,  
And round the nations preach'd their LORD.
2. Commission'd thus by Zion's KING,  
We to his holy laver bring  
These happy converts, who have known,  
And trusted in his Grace alone.
3. Our glad report they have receiv'd;  
The Gospel's glorious Truths believ'd;  
And humbly now advance their claim  
To be Baptiz'd in Jesus' name.
4. LORD, in thy house they seek thy face;  
Oh bless them with peculiar Grace!  
Ravish their souls with love divine;  
Let beams of glory round them shine.

- 5 Great fountain of our life and peace !  
 Still make thy righteous cause increase ;  
 Oh ! take thy mighty pow'r and reign,  
 Thou LAMB OF GOD, that once wast slain !
- 6 As doves whose numbers cloud the sky  
 Successive to their windows fly ;  
 From realms remote, exalted KING,  
 Thy chosen sons and daughters bring.
- 7 Make poor dejected Zion shine :  
 Oh let her int'rest, LORD, be thine !  
 Fill her with sons of heav'nly birth,  
 And make her glorious in the earth.

## H Y M N XLVI.

*The Duties of Baptized Christians. Matt. iv. 1.*

*Long Metre.*

- 1 **W**HEN the Eternal SON OF GOD,  
 Had been Baptiz'd in Jordan's flood;  
 To the lone desert he repairs,  
 And sore temptation firmly bears.
- 2 Should you that have been now Baptiz'd,  
 Be thus with Satan's darts surpriz'd ;  
 Lift up to heav'n your wistful eyes,  
 Your hope, your help in JESUS lies.

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- 3 Never presume to think or say  
The stream has wash'd your sins away :  
Never depend on what's your own,  
Nor trust to works or duties done.
- 4 Each rite which truth and love ordain,  
Points to the LAMB that once was slain ;  
Our wand'ring thoughts to him they call,  
The centre and the soul of all.
- 5 Baptiz'd with CHRIST, be it your aim  
To dignify the Christian name :  
With him aspire to things above,  
And put on CHRIST in faith and love.

### H Y M N XLVII.

*The Duties of Baptized Christians. 1 Pet. ii. 9.*

*Common Metre.*

- 1 **Y**E happy converts who have trod  
The way your SAVIOUR calls ;  
Have given up yourselves to God,  
And dwell within his walls.
- 2 With highest rev'ence, as is due,  
Regard his righteous laws ;  
Your SAVIOUR now commits to you  
The honour of his cause.

- 3 The pow'rs of *Hell* with watchful care  
Will each advantage take;  
And pour the thunder of their war  
Thro' ev'ry breach you make.
- 4 A wicked world with ceaseless spite  
Will mark the way you go:  
Be then your conduct fair as light,  
And silence ev'ry foe.
- 5 Shou'd cares and troubles cross your road,  
And many such there may;  
Each day address your cries to God,  
And watch as well as pray.
- 6 Let CHRIST your fervent love demand,  
His laws be your delight;  
Strong in his strength rejoicing stand,  
And put your foes to flight.
- 7 He'll free your souls from all distress,  
And make each trouble cease:  
"His ways are ways of pleasantness,  
"And all his paths are peace."





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### H Y M N XLVIII.

*The Duties of Baptized Christians. Col. iii. 12.*

*Short Metre.*

- 1 **A**LL you that in the flood  
Have own'd your holy LORD;  
And to his people join'd yourselves  
According to his word.
- 2 In *Zion* you must dwell,  
Her altar ne'er forsake;  
Must come to all her solemn feasts,  
And all her joys partake.
- 3 She must employ your thoughts,  
And your unceasing care:  
Her welfare be your constant wish,  
And her increase your pray'r.
- 4 With humbleness of mind,  
Amongst her sons rejoice:  
A meek and quiet spirit is  
With God of highest price.
- 5 Never offend or grieve  
Your brethren in the way;  
But shun the dark abodes of strife,  
Like children of the day.

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6 Highly in love esteem

Your Pastors in the LORD;

They break the bread of life to you,

And labour in the word.

7 A constant watch maintain

Against your ev'ry foe:

With fervent Pray'r beseech your God

To bless the way you go.

8 Grow ye in ev'ry Grace,

In ev'ry gift improve;

Grow in the knowledge of the LORD,

In purity and love.

H Y M N XLIX.

*The Privileges of Baptized Christians.*

1 Cor. iii. 22, and 23.

*Long Metre.*

1 **D**AUGHTERS of Zion, ye who sing  
The lofty praises of your KING;  
Who in his solemn temple dwell,  
And of his boundless glory tell;

2 Call to the converts at your gate,  
Why should they longer ling'ring wait?  
Why should they longer fear or doubt?  
Why should they longer stay without?

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- 3 Gently reprove them for delay;  
In softest language chide their stay;  
Strive with your songs their hearts to win:  
“Ye blessed of the LORD, come in!
- 4 “Come in, ye blessed of the LORD,  
“Ye that believe his holy word;  
“Come! and receive our heav’nly bread,  
“The food with which his saints are fed.
- 5 “Your SAVIOUR’s boundless goodness prove,  
“And feast on his redeeming Love:  
“Come! all ye happy souls that thirst,  
“The last is welcome as the first.
- 6 “Come to his table and receive  
“Whate’er a pard’ning God can give:  
“His love thro’ ev’ry age endures;  
“His promise, and himself are yours.”

## H Y M N L.

*Discouragements removed.* John viii. 12.

*Long Metre.*

- 1 YE youths and virgins all who wait  
Continually at Zion’s gate;  
Ye who delight in Wisdom’s ways,  
And love to speak IMMANUEL’s praise.

- 2 Ye who your native vileness mourn,  
And to the great REDEEMER turn :  
Who see your wretched state by sin ;  
“ Ye blessed of the LORD come in !”
- 3 Let not the world with CHRIST divide  
The wav’ring heart of his young bride :  
Nothing in earth, or heav’n above,  
Like him, is worthy of your love.
- 4 All that is dear on earth forsake,  
And JESUS for your leader take :  
Follow the LAMB where’er he goes ;  
Nor dread the number of your foes.
- 5 Confer no more with flesh and blood,  
Press on ! by whomsoever withstood ;  
Your CAPTAIN shall the conquest gain ;  
*Earth, Hell, and Sin* shall rage in vain.
- 6 Profess your faith in JESUS’ name ;  
Follow him boldly thro’ the stream :  
Your fellow-saints in ancient days  
Thus own’d their GOD, and lov’d his ways.
- 7 Steady like them obey your LORD ;  
Enter his Church ; feast on his word ;  
Till Angels thro’ the skies proclaim  
The marriage-supper of the LAMB.



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### H Y M N L I.

*Baptism an Ordinance despised by man but highly  
honoured of God. Luke vii. 30.*

*Peculiar Measure.*

- 1 **W**HEN CHRIST the mighty LORD OF ALL,  
The sov'reign ruler of the skies,  
Descended to this earthly ball; [rise;  
That men from thence to heav'n might  
How did the world her Maker spurn,  
And treat him with reproach and scorn !
- 2 What wonder then if each bless'd rite,  
Which speaks the end for which he dy'd,  
Is shewn in an unfriendly light,  
And stands the jest of human pride,  
But GOD, supremely great and wise,  
Honours and owns what men despise.
- 3 To be immers'd in JESUS' name  
May draw contempt from foolish man ;  
But ne'er was deed of ancient fame,  
Since *Time* his circling course began  
Like this, applauded from the sky,  
Or held in heav'n's esteem so high.

4 *Jordan*, how honour'd was thy wave  
 By each of the Eternal THREE,  
 When he who came to seek and save,  
 Found for himself a grave in thee !  
 Heav'n's glory glanc'd upon thy stream,  
 And distant ages hail thy name.

5 The FATHER's words from heav'n approve  
 The SON immers'd in *Jordan's* flood,  
 The HOLY SPIRIT like a Dove  
 Descends, and owns th' incarnate GOD.  
 The wond'ring world and skies unite  
 To dignify the holy rite.

6 Ye mortals lay your state aside ;  
 Let the Eternal GOD be heard :  
 Correct with speed your scornful pride,  
 And be his great command rever'd.  
 Let his appointed Kingdom come :  
 Mark, ye despisers ! and be dumb.





H Y M N LII.

*The Grace of God and his pardoning Mercy not  
confined to the Baptized. Eph. ii. 9.*

*Common Metre.*

- 1 JESUS, in thy victorious deeds  
What joyful wonders shine !  
How much thy Grace all thought exceeds  
Was ever love like thine !
- 2 Stronger than death, or gloomy grave  
Thy kind intentions prove :  
How mighty is thine arm to save !  
How boundless is thy love !
- 3 Thy mighty acts, thy matchless praise  
Should ev'ry heart inspire  
With fervent love to all thy ways,  
And set our souls on fire.
- 4 Sweet are the emblems of thy love ;  
Shall we thy word withstand ?  
Shall not our steps to meet thee move  
And own thy great command ?
- 5 Dear to our souls is ev'ry deed  
Which brings thee to our thought :  
We in the crystal fountain read  
The wonders thou hast wrought.

- 6 There would our lips thy name confess,  
And seek thy smiling face,  
Not trusting to our righteousness,  
But thine abounding Grace.
- 7 Yet should mistake in some prevent  
Their coming to the stream,  
Almighty Grace, of vast extent  
Forbids us to condemn.
- 8 Perfection is a fruit unknown  
On these polluted plains;  
Salvation is by Grace alone,  
And Love triumphant reigns.

## H Y M N LIII.

*The Blood of Christ cleanseth from all Sin.*  
1 John i. 7.

*Long Metre*

- 1 JESUS, my SAVIOUR and my KING,  
To thee my grateful heart I bring:  
Thou art all glorious in my eyes:  
On thee my whole dependence lies.
- 2 Thou hast been slain, O LAMB OF GOD!  
Thou hast redeem'd me with thy blood:  
Thine arm alone can set me free;  
My whole salvation rests on thee.

- 3 I will not build on what's my own,  
Or trust to works or duties done ;  
On thee alone my hopes I place,  
My only refuge is thy Grace.
- 4 Not mine-own arm can me sustain :  
No outward washings make me clean :  
No works of mine my debt can pay :  
No tears can wash my stains away.
- 5 No ordinances can atone,  
But only make my SAVIOUR known ;  
They may as emblems brightly shine,  
But all the work, my GOD, is thine.
- 6 The fountain thou hast ever been,  
Whose streams can wash away my sin :  
Wash me, oh ! wash me, in the flood,  
That ever-cleansing stream, thy Blood.

H Y M N LIV.

*The Ordinances of Christ tend to promote practical  
Godliness. Rom. vi. 4.*

*Long Metre.*

- 1 ALL you that in the sacred flood  
Have humbly own'd your SAVIOUR GOD ;  
His great command lies on you still ;  
All righteousness you must fulfil.

- 2 With scrup'lous care the hypocrite  
Attends to each external rite,  
While Justice, Truth, and Faith depart,  
And all religion of the heart.
- 3 For weightier matters of the Law,  
He feels no zeal, nor love, nor awe;  
And seeks by rituals to atone  
For sins and follies he has done.
- 4 But the enlighten'd soul pursues  
The call of GOD with diff'rent views:  
He round a nobler centre moves,  
And he obeys because he loves.
- 5 If he attend the preached word,  
He waits a visit from his LORD;  
Or at each ordinance appear,  
He humbly hopes to meet him there.
- 6 And if IMMANUEL shew his face,  
And bless the season with his grace;  
With strength renew'd the saint proceeds  
In heav'nly love and righteous deeds.



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H Y M N LV.

*Address to the holy Spirit and the great Redeemer.*

Matt. iii. 16, and 17.

*As the 148th Psalm.*

- 1 **D**ESCEND, celestial Dove !  
And make thy presence known ;  
Reveal our SAVIOUR's love,  
And seal us for thine own.

Our works are vain  
Unblest'd by thee ;  
Nor e'er can we  
Acceptance gain.

- 2 When heav'n's incarnate God,  
The sovereign PRINCE OF LIGHT,  
In *Jordan's* swelling flood  
Receiv'd the holy rite ;  
Thy form came down  
In open view ;  
And dove-like flew  
The KING to crown.

- 3 The day was never known  
Since Time began his race,  
In which such glory shone,  
Or which obtain'd such grace;  
As that which shed,  
In *Jordan's* stream,  
Thy heav'nly beam  
On JESUS' head.
- 4 There never was a deed  
Thus honour'd from above;  
FATHER and SON agreed  
With the celestial DOVE,  
To crown the rite  
With equal rays,  
In boundless blaze,  
And floods of light.
- 5 Continue still to shine,  
And fill us with thy fire:  
This ordinance is thine,  
And thou our souls inspire:  
Thou wilt attend  
On all thy sons,  
(Thy promise runs)  
Till time shall end.



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6 Baptized into CHRIST ;  
LORD we our tribute bring,  
To thee our PROPHET, PRIEST,  
And our exalted KING ;  
On thee we call,  
Oh ! deign to bless ;  
Thee we confess,  
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